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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Amendment, responsive to the Office Action, mailed June 5, 2002; a Terminal Disclaimer, a check for \$220 for the fees for a one month extension of time and a Terminal Disclaimer; marked up claims showing changes made in accord with 37 CFR §1.121; and a return postcard in connection with the above-captioned patent application. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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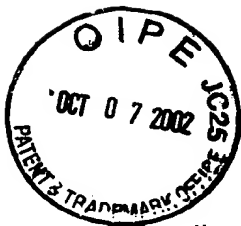
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed June 5, 2002, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 71, 89-91 and 114-116 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 117-120 as follows:

117. (New) The array of claim 74, wherein the coupling agent is selected from the group consisting of antibody/antigen, biotin/streptavidin, *Staphylococcus aureus* protein A/IgG antibody F_c fragment, nucleic acid/nucleic acid binding protein, and streptavidin/protein A chimeras.

118. (New) The array of claim 74, comprising about 4^R different nucleic acid probes.

119. (New) An array, comprising up to 4(2^R-1) nucleic acid probes, wherein each probe comprises a random nucleotide sequence of length R.

120. (New) The array of claim 74, wherein the random nucleotide sequence of length R in the single-stranded portion in 50% or more of the probes of the array is replaced with a nucleotide sequence of length R + L,